



# **Fact Sheet**



# Tuesday, July 8, 2008 7:00 AM

# MENDOCINO LIGHTNING COMPLEX

**Media Only Fire Information Number:** 707-467-2520

**Public Fire Information Number:** 707-467-6426

The Mendocino Lightning Complex has burned approximately 48,880 acres and is 60% contained. Progress is being made on the various fires throughout the County; there are currently 37 active fires and 90 contained fires. Remaining fires continue to slowly increase in size. Continued threats remain a possibility to communities and critical infrastructure. Hot and dry weather conditions are expected to persist through the week, creating the potential for increased fire behavior. Additional Evacuation "Warnings" and/ or "Orders" may be issued. Planned firing operations have been successful and will continue to occur as needed. Residents are reminded that they may see increased fire and smoke in the areas of planned firing operations.

### **Air Operations**

GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping operations are being conducted throughout Mendocino County. Residents may see low flying rotary aircraft for the purposes of mapping fire perimeters.

Fixed wing and rotary aircraft continue to operate on the fires.

#### **Evacuations**

Evacuation "Warnings" remain in effect for:

- Community of Rockport
- Red Mountain Road From the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road to 13600 Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road - From Hwy 101 to the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road.
- The Community of Cummings
- Town of Leggett
- De Haven Creek and Howard Creek drainage, North of Westport

#### **Evacuation Centers**

• *Placed on Standby*-Fort Bragg High School, 300 Dana Street, Ft. Bragg. Phone: 707-813-0345 (New)

- Placed on Standby-Willits High School, 299 North Main Street, Willits. Phone: 707-486-8674
- Large animals (A call must be made prior to delivering animals)
  - Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, Ukiah. 707-462-3884. After business hours: 707-972-8340
  - Albion Headlands, Albion. 650-322-1070.
  - Covelo Rodeo Grounds, 22335 S. Airport Covelo Road, Covelo. 272-2966 and 983-6860
- Small animals can be taken to the Mendocino Animal Care and Control Ukiah Shelter. After business hours: 707-272-4337.

## **Road Conditions**

None

#### **Resources**

Engines: 156 Crews: 40 Helicopters: 15 Water Tenders: 63 Dozers: 35
Overhead: 336 Total Personnel: 1,729 Fixed Wing Aircraft: 3

## **Incident Facts**

Incident Size: 48,880 Acres

• Contained: 60%

• Injuries to date: 34

Fatalities to date: 1

Residences Threatened: 335

• Residences Destroyed: 2

Number of Active Fires: 37

Total Number of Fires: 127

Estimated Costs to Date: \$24,494,200

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